

**Queen Anne's County
Historic Site Summary Sheet**

Survey No: **QA-500**
Name: **Ryans House**
Location: **6107 W. Ocean Gateway Highway (US 50), Queenstown, Maryland**
Access: **Private**
Date: **ca. 1860**

Description:

The Ryans house is a two-story frame I-house with side-gabled roof. There is a one-story, full-width porch across the front of the house. The porch has a hipped roof that is supported by turned posts that appear to be modern. The house is clad in asbestos shingles. Windows are two-over-two, double-hung sash. There is a frame garage on the property also. Both the house and garage are vacant and in a deteriorated condition.

Significance:

This building has been evaluated under National Register of Historic Places Criteria A, B, and C. It does not meet the requirements for significance under Criterion C for its architectural merit because it is a common type of building that is found throughout rural Maryland and lacks sufficient architectural merit. It is not known to have been associated with significant historical events or persons, and is not, therefore, eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A or B.

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Eligibility Recommended _____

Eligibility Not Recommended XX

Comments: _____

Reviewer, OPS: CEB

Date: 10/8/98

Reviewer, NR Program: PK

Date: 12/18/98

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**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

**MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES**

Survey No. QA-500

Magi No.

DOE yes Xno

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ryans Farm

2. Location

street & number 6107 W. Ocean Gateway Highway not for publication

city, town Queenstown X vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Queen Anne's

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use |
|----------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <u> </u> district | <u> </u> public | <u> </u> occupied | <u> </u> agriculture |
| <u>X</u> building(s) | <u>X</u> private | <u>X</u> unoccupied | <u> </u> commercial |
| <u> </u> structure | <u> </u> both | <u> </u> work in progress | <u> </u> educational |
| <u> </u> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <u> </u> entertainment |
| <u> </u> object | <u> </u> in process | <u> </u> yes: restricted | <u> </u> government |
| | <u> </u> being considered | <u> </u> yes: unrestricted | <u> </u> industrial |
| | <u>X</u> not applicable | <u>X</u> no | <u> </u> military |
| | | | <u> </u> museum |
| | | | <u> </u> park |
| | | | <u>X</u> private residence |
| | | | <u> </u> religious |
| | | | <u> </u> scientific |
| | | | <u> </u> transportation |
| | | | <u> </u> other: |

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lloyd L. Ryans, et. al.

c/o Daisy E. Keeling

street & number 2323 W. 4th Street telephone no.:

city, town Chester state and zip code Pennsylvania 19013

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Registry of Deeds liber MWM 338

street & number folio 79

city, town Centreville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N/A

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. QA-500

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This two-story I-house is located on the north side of U. S. Route 50 on a lot that measures 39,500 sq. ft. in Queen Anne's County, on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It is in a rural area surrounded by farms and agricultural fields. It is one of the few remaining houses in what was, in 1877, a larger cluster of residences across the road from the school and church, and northwest of Wye Mills.

The house has a side-gabled roof clad in composition shingles. There is a centered brick chimney with corbelled cap at the ridge line. Windows are two-over-two, double-hung sash. The door is wood with a large single pane in the top half and three horizontal wood panels in the lower half. There is a one-story, full-width porch across the front of the house. The hipped roof of the porch is supported on turned posts that appear more modern. The house is clad in asbestos shingles. The east elevation has one wood paneled door and one window that is currently boarded up. The north elevation has two two-over-two, double-hung sash windows on the second floor and one six-over-six, double-hung sash on the first floor. The door is boarded up. The west elevation has a single two-over-one, double-hung sash window on the first floor. The foundation is covered with corrugated metal panels and not currently visible.

There is a frame two-bay garage on the property also. It has a front-gabled roof that is clad in corrugated metal. The side walls also are clad in corrugated metal. The sliding garage door is vertical plank. The west elevation has two six-light, fixed sash windows and a wooden door. Both the house and garage are vacant and in a very deteriorated condition.

8. Significance

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| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

Specific dates ca. 1860s **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Ryans Farm constructed ca. 1862, is associated with the period of Agricultural - Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870), and the themes of Agriculture and Architecture. The Ryans farmhouse has been evaluated under National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) Criteria A, B, and C to determine its eligibility for listing in the NRHP and the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places (MIHP). The house was moved to its current location from its former site at the corner of Scottstown Road and Route 50 at an unknown date, according to a neighbor. There are no longer any agricultural fields associated with this house. The house is in an advanced state of deterioration. It does not possess the exceptional significance required of moved properties under NRHP Criteria Consideration B. Therefore, it is recommended that the Ryans Farm be considered not eligible for listing in the NRHP and the MIHP.

Ryans Farm is situated to the southeast of Queenstown on the road leading to Wye Mills and points further south. Queenstown served as the seat of Queen Anne's County from 1706 until 1782 when Centreville was chosen as county seat. Queenstown, however, continued to be an important center for local trade during the nineteenth century. Ryans Farm was constructed during the period of Agricultural - Industrial Transition (A.D. 1815-1870), during which the economy of Queen Anne's County was based primarily on agricultural goods, such as grains. Farming methods were being improved by the 1820s through the use of fertilizers and crop rotation. Local agricultural products were transported to the market at Baltimore via steamboat which operated from Queenstown beginning in 1820. Although plans for a railroad on the eastern shore of Maryland were made during the 1830s, they were not realized until after the Civil War, and no line serviced the project area vicinity until 1896.

Ryans Farm was situated in a cluster of settlement, northwest of Wye Mills, which is illustrated on the 1877 Atlas. This settlement included residences, a school house and a church. Because the house has reportedly been moved from its original location is cannot be positively identified on the Atlas.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. QA-500

Maryland Historical Trust
1992 Maryland Supplement to National Register Bulletin 16A, Maryland Historical Trust, Crownsville, MD.
Wesler, Kit W., et. al.
1981 The M/DOT Archaeol. Resources Survey, Vol 1: Eastern Shore. MHT, Manusc. Se. 5.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property less than 1

Quadrangle name Wye Mills

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary to include the house and garage only.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Development Period: Agricultural-Industrial Transition
(1815-1870 A. D.)

Historic Period Themes: Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic (single dwelling)

Known Design Source: None

QA-500
 RYANS FARM
 QUEENSTOWN
 QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY
 LOCATION MAP
 WYE MILLS QUADRANGLE



Source: USGS Wye Mills, MD 7.5 Minute Quad, 1942/1973

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 Ryans Farm, Queenstown
 QA-500



QA-500

Ryan's Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

Rita Suffness

10-29-97

MD SHPD

South (front) elevation, Main house

2 of 8



QA - 500

Ryans Farm

Queen Anne's County, MD

Rita Suffness

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MD SHPO

Southeast corner - Main house

1 of 8



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MDCHPO

East elevation. Main house

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MD SHPO

Northwest corner, Main house

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MD SHPO

Northeast corner, Main house 5 of 8



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North elevation, Main house

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Ryans Farm
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Detail of front door

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Plyant Farm

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MD SHPO

South + west elevations of garage 8 of 8